

HOUSE BILL 1332

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Francis Scott Key Bridge – Commuter Plan**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to offer a certain
4 commuter plan to certain users of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and generally
5 relating to a certain commuter plan for certain users of the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article – Transportation

8 Section 4–312(a)(2)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Transportation

13 Section 4–312(c)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 4–312.

20 (a) (2) As to all or any part of any transportation facilities project, the
21 Authority may:

22 (i) Fix, revise, charge, and collect rentals, rates, fees, tolls, and other

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 charges and revenues for its use or for its services; and

2 (ii) Contract with any person who desires its use for any purpose and
3 fix the terms, conditions, rentals, rates, fees, tolls, or other charges or revenues for this use.

4 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the rentals, rates, fees,
5 tolls, and other charges and revenues are not subject to supervision or regulation by any
6 instrumentality, agency, or unit of this State or any of its political subdivisions.

7 (2) This subtitle does not permit the exercise of any power or the
8 undertaking of any activity that would conflict with the provisions and limitations of the
9 federal Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964.

10 (3) Tolls for the use of the bridge carrying the John F. Kennedy Memorial
11 Highway over the Susquehanna River may not be less than the comparable tolls charged
12 for the use of the Susquehanna River Bridge.

13 (4) **THE AUTHORITY SHALL OFFER A COMMUTER PLAN THAT:**

14 **(I) PROVIDES A USER COMMUTING TO AND FROM A PLACE OF**
15 **EMPLOYMENT USING THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE WITH UNLIMITED**
16 **CROSSINGS; AND**

17 **(II) COSTS NO MORE THAN \$100 ANNUALLY.**

18 **(5)** Prior to fixing or revising tolls on any part of any transportation
19 facilities project, the Authority shall provide, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
20 Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance
21 Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Ways and Means Committee
22 information on the proposed toll charges, including:

23 (i) The annual revenues generated by the toll charges;

24 (ii) The proposed use of the revenues; and

25 (iii) The proposed commuter discount rates.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2018.